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COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
RECALL DIVISION

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Re: Ford Motor Company, Recall No. 04S23 – Air Filter Element

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this correspondence is to serve as our notification to NHTSA of our acknowledgement of a recall being conducted by one of our component suppliers, Ford Motor Company (Ford) concerning a potential safety defect in some of the motorhome chassis they supplied to Coachmen Recreational Vehicles, LLC (Coachmen).

Coachmen received notification from Ford that they are conducting the referenced safety recall campaign due to a potential defect that may exist with Ford's 2003 and 2004 model year E-Series vehicles chassis they supplied to Coachmen. Ford's notification stated:

"The air filter element installed in your vehicle during vehicle assembly may have filter paper that was not properly manufactured to prevent it from igniting during rare driving conditions, where hot particles in the engine air system may contact the air filter. This may create the potential for a fire in the air intake system or engine compartment."

Ford has informed Coachmen that we received eighty-eight (88) chassis affected by this recall campaign. These chassis were used by Coachmen to build some of our 2004 MY Concord, Freedom, FreeLander, Leprechaun and Santara mini motorhomes. These motorhomes were built between September, 2003 and April, 2004. We understand that Ford is administering the recall campaign and will be forwarding all further required correspondence to NHTSA. We have provided Ford with the retail owner information on these vehicles so they may be included in their notification and remedy efforts.

Should you have any additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (219) 825-8528.

Very Truly Yours,

Gary L. Duncan
Vice President, Engineering Services